

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

February 10, 2015

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Commissioner Catherine Smith, Donald Balducci, Colin Cooper, Chris DiPentima, John Zoldy
- **Board Members via Phone:** John Harrity, Todd Pihl
- **Quorum:** Yes
- **Others Present:** Elliot Ginsberg, Bonnie DelConte, Rob Michalik, Debbie Russo, Barbara Fernandez, Kathy Marioni, Ram Abersturia, Jennifer Herz, Paul Striebel, Tracey Ariel, Mike Barkley, Mark Polzella, Karla Lindquist and Ben Arsenault

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Commissioner Catherine H. Smith at 8:35 am.

Public Meeting:

1. Approval of December 10th Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Catherine Smith, Chris DiPentima approved, Colin Cooper 2nd, everyone in agreement
2. Voucher Program Update
 - To date: 44 received, 13 approved Total approved - \$519,486 Avg approved - \$39,960 Avg amount requested - \$41,562
 - Staff was asked to present a marketing plan at next meeting
3. Incumbent worker training
 - Update provided by John Zoldy and Todd Pihl.
 - Board decided not to pay for in-house training staff for incumbent workers training.
 - The board decided to vote on the entire program at the next meeting.
4. Advanced Composites Project update
 - Project will start in February 2015
 - CCAT contracting with DECD, funds will be released in tranches once the contract has been signed.
5. Update on Apprenticeship subgroup by Chris DiPentima
6. Other business
 - Discussion of Federal designation "Investing in Manufacturing Communities"
John Harrity agreed to represent the board in this process.
7. Meeting adjourned by motion by Chris DiPentima, seconded Colin Cooper, and unanimously approved 9:54 AM